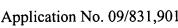
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 1, 2002

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response January 1, 2003.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for two months until March 3, 2003 (March 1, 2003 being a Saturday), and is concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the appropriate government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or any fees are needed to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment with reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested accompanied by allowance of the application..

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in Response to Office Action Mailed October 1, 2002 in the above-captioned application.

X Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure, from PTO-1449, and references cited.

No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission 37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

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